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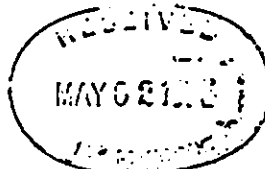
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Dr. Theodor Sterling has submitted a proposal for renewing his special project, currently scheduled to end this summer. The proposal (with budget attached) is enclosed. Also enclosed are financial and personnel reports covering the current project. Dr. Sterling's progress report was sent to you on February 25.

With supplemental funds provided earlier this year, Dr. Sterling has already begun preparing for computer analysis two large, recently-acquired data banks: the Dorn data and the NCHS Household Interview Survey. These data banks will be used by Dr. Sterling during the requested two-year extension of his work.

Dr. Sterling plans to review, as a part of this project, relationships between smoking and what he terms "good" physical and mental health." He believes particularly that comparisons of disease patterns for moderate smokers and non-smokers will continue to reveal that the former often report better health overall. This, of course, is consistent with a style of life or constitutional hypothesis. It could also be consistent with suspected, but not well documented, benefits of smoking.

Dr. Sterling will continue his general review of smoking and health literature as outlined in the proposal.

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He has recently completed the first part of an extensive review of literature on pollution in enclosed spaces and is now examining available literature on nonsmokers' exposure to tobacco smoke. He will include in this examination an analysis of the NCHS data mentioned above.

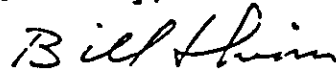
Dr. Sterling also intends to follow closely Dr. Thomas Mancuso's and Dr. Janette Sherman's work on occupational exposures.

As you are aware, Dr. Sterling is frequently able to discern developing areas of interest. His knowledge of the nonsmoker literature is only one example of his ability to anticipate problems. In addition, Dr. Sterling continues to provide general scientific assistance, such as his recent response to the NCAB submission.

While the total request (\$93,424 for each year with a probable 12% inflation factor for the second year, or about \$198,000 in all) is substantial, we nevertheless strongly recommend renewal of Dr. Sterling's project.

Dr. Sterling would like to know by May 25, if possible, whether the project will be continued.

Sincerely,



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